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**REQUEST FOR
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37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Title

Surgical Devices for Imposing a
Negative Pressure to Stabilize
Cardiac Tissue During Surgery

Sir:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action dated February 23, 2004 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before May 23, 2004, and for which the two-month period for response ends on April 23, 2004. In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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